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SUBJECT: UN CROP SUBSTITUTION PROJECT IN THAILAND

REFS: A. BANGKOK 14035; B. BANGKOK 13692; C. GENEVA 4538

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH AMEMBASSY BANGKOK ON NECESSITY FOR GUARANTEE OF PURCHASE AND MARKETING OF ALL SUBSTITUTE CROPS GROWN THIS YEAR IN LIEU OF OPIUM BY THAI HILLTRIBE VILLAGES, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND ON BASIS REFTEL A TO NUMBER APPROXIMATELY 65. (BANGKOK PLEASE CONFIRM.) INABILITY OF FARMERS TO DISPOSE OF SUBSTITUTE CROPS, EVEN IN PROJECT NOT SPECIFICALLY UNDER UN AEGIS, WOULD WEAKEN GENERAL CONFIDENCE IN CONCEPT OF CROP SUBSTITUTION AND WOULD PREJUDICE SUCCESS OF FUTURE CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAMS

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WHETHER UNDER UNFDAC OR RTG SPONSORSHIP.

2. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT SUCCESS OF CROP SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM IS JOINT RESPONSIBILITY OF UNFDAC AND RTG. CONSEQUENTLY WE DEEM IT DESIRABLE THAT UNFDAC INTENSIFY EFFORTS TO INVOLVE RTG AS DESCRIBED REFTEL C, PARAGRAPH 2, BY BRINGING RTG INTO INITIAL DISCUSSIONS FOR HANDLING THE MARKETING RATHER THAN WAITING UNTIL UNFDAC FUNDS ARE EARMARKED FOR A GUARANTEE AS SUGGESTED REFTEL A, PARAGRAPH 4. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT UNFDAC GUARANTEES AND FUNDS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ASSURE MARKETING OF 1973 CROPS,

BUT FOR FUTURE YEARS THE RTG WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CROPS SUBSTITUTED FOR ILLEGAL OPIUM POPPY PLANTINGS AS AMEMBASSY BANGKOK RECOGNIZED IN REFTEL B, PARAGRAPH 4C. PRESENT CASE PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR UNFDAC TO SOUND OUT RTG ON COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISH AND FINANCE REVOLVING FUND TO SUPPORT IN FUTURE MARKETING MECHANISM ESTABLISHED WITH UN FINANCING IN 1972 AND 73.

3. FOR GENEVA: MISSION REQUESTED TO DISCUSS PROBLEM RAISED REFTEL A WITH UNFDAC OFFICIALS, OUTLINING USG THOUGHTS ON SUBJECT AND EMPHASIZING BOTH NECESSITY FOR URGENT ACTION IN SHORT TERM AND IMPORTANCE OF LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. RUSH

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